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FROM DICK MOOSE

E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT NYERERE

REF: NAIROBI 11186

1. ANDY YOUNG AND I BELIEVE THAT A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT NYERERE WOULD BE DESIRABLE. ITS PURPOSE WOULD BE
(A) AGAIN TO REASSURE NYERERE ON HIS FUNDAMENTAL UNDERSTANDING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER REGARDING THE FUTURE ZIMBABWE ARMY,
(B) TO ALLAY HIS MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE ATTITUDE OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ON THIS TROUBLESOME QUESTION,
AND (C) TO STRENGTHEN NYERERE'S RESOLVE TO SUPPORT OUR PROPOSAL PUBLICLY AND WITH HIS FRONT LINE COLLEAGUES.

2. ANDY AND I BOTH BELIEVE THAT NYERERE'S REAL PROBLEM IS WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. HE WOULD LIKE TO BRING THEM ALONG BUT HE MUST PROTECT HIS FLANKS. INDEED NYERERE WENT OUT ON A LIMB IN CONVENING THE PRESIDENTS,

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ONLY TO HAVE THEM HEAR A PRESENTATION WHICH WAS, OF NECESSITY, MORE QUALIFIED THAN HE EXPECTED. NYERERE MUST GUARD AGAINST THE CHARGE THAT HE IS LETTING DOWN THE MEN WHO HAVE BEEN DOING THE FIGHTING. WHILE HE ACCEPTS THE REATIONAL NEED FOR MUCH OF THE APPARATUS AND PROCEDURE WHICH WE HAVE HAD TO DESIGN THE RHETORIC OF THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE DEMANDS PHRASES SUCH AS "SMITH'S ARMY MUST GO" AND "THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WILL BE THE ARMY OF THE

NEW ZIMBABWE*"

3. AT THE SAME TIME WE MUST TAKE NOTE OF OTHER AUDIENCES. WHILE IT IS UNLIKELY THAT WE CAN COMPROMISE ENOUGH TO SECURE SMITH'S AGREEMENT, OR THE DEGREE OF SOUTH AFRICAN SUPPORT WE NEED WE MUST TRY TO AVOID GIVING SMITH ARGUMENTS WHICH CAN BE USED TO INFLUENCE THE WHITE RHODESIANS OR WHICH WOULD UNDERMINE SUPPORT FOR OUR PROPOSALS IN THE CONGRESS, THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT AND THE US AND UK PUBLICS.

4. WITH THE FOREGOING CAUTIONS IN MIND WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING:

5. BEGIN TEXT

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

ANDY YOUNG HAS KEPT ME FULLY APPRISED OF HIS AND DAVID OWEN'S CONSULTATIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE EXCELLENT BEGINNING WHICH WE MADE TOGETHER DURING YOUR VISIT IN WASHINGTON HAS SERVED AS A SOLID BASIS FOR FURTHER PROGRESS. THIS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR WILLINGNESS TO COMMIT YOUR CONSIDERABLE PRESTIGE TO CONVENE THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS. YOU HAVE MADE ANOTHER GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE MAJORITY RULE THROUGH A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN ZIMBABWE.

BECAUSE ANDY HAS KEPT ME SO CLOSELY INFORMED, I AM ALSO AWARE OF YOUR MISGIVINGS. THUS, I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE
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PRINCIPLES WHICH GUIDE OUR PURSUIT OF THE RHODESIA INITIATIVE REMAIN PRECISELY THOSE WHICH WE DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON. FURTHERMORE, OUR GOVERNMENT AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ARE IN FULL AGREEMENT ON THESE INCLUDING THE KEY CONCEPT THAT THE NEW ARMY OF ZIMBABWE WILL BE BASED ON THE LIBERATION FORCES. IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND THE NEW GOVERNMENT MUST HAVE AN ARMY FULLY RESPONSIVE TO THEM.

AS I TOLD YOU, WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT ANY OUTCOME OF A FREE ELECTION. ANDY INFORMS THAT YOU HAVE ALSO REAFFIRMED YOUR DETERMINATION TO SUPPORT THE FREELY ELECTED GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE AND, MOREOVER, THAT YOU BELIEVE THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS WILL DO LIKEWISE.

I BELIEVE THE STATEMENT WHICH DAVID OWEN WILL MAKE THURSDAY IS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH OUR UNDERTAKINGS IN REGARD TO THE FORMATION OF THE INDEPENDENCE ARMY OF ZIMBABWE. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE PROGRESS WE ARE MAKING, WHETHER OR NOT IT IS PUBLICLY ACCEPTED BY MR. SMITH, CAN BE CONTINUED THROUGH EARLY CONVENING OF MILITARY LEVEL TALKS AND THAT YOU WILL DO WHAT YOU CAN TO ENCOURAGE THE PATRIOTIC FRONT TO ENTER INTO THEM PROMPTLY.

JIMMY CARTER

END TEXT

6. ONE FINAL THOUGHT FROM ANDY: IT IS UNLIKELY THAT
SMITH WILL GO ALONG WITH US, AND CONSEQUENTLY PROBABLE,
THAT PRESSURES WILL ULTIMATELY BE REQUIRED. WE RECOGNIZED
THIS LIKELIHOOD AT THE OUTSET. BUT IF WE DON'T GET NYERERE
STRONGLY ON BOARD NOW, WE WON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO WORK WITH.
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